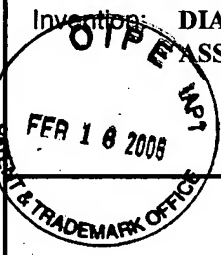


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COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)					Docket No. 17376	
In Re Application Of: Tsutomu Okada						
Application No. 10/764,892	Filing Date January 26, 2004	Examiner Beverly Meindl	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 3737	Confirmation No. 9699	
Invention: DIATHERMIC SNARE, MEDICAL INSTRUMENT SYSTEM USING THE SNARE, AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLING THE MEDICAL INSTRUMENT SYSTEM						
 <p>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</p> <p>This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>9/13/2005</u> in the above-identified application. <i>Date</i></p> <p>The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> One month <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months </p> <p> from: <u>12/13/2005</u> until: <u>2/13/2006</u> <i>Date</i> <i>Date</i> </p> <p>The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:</p>						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	18 -	20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	3 =	1	x \$200.00	\$200.00	
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$200.00	
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$450.00	
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$650.00	
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$650.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **19-1013/SSMP**
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **19-1013/SSMP**.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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Dated: **February 13, 2006**


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